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In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows. No new matter has been added. The following Listing of Claims shall replace any previous listing of the claims.

Listing of the Claims

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A wall-mountable aquarium, comprising:
a slim tank for containing water to keep living aquatic animals or plants, the tank including a transparent front wall, a rear wall, opposite left and right side walls and a bottom wall, with the side and bottom walls being considerably narrower than the front and rear walls,
a fixed enclosure provided externally on at least one of the left and right side walls and bottom wall for containing a part of an accessory for the aquarium, and a frame attached on the front wall, the frame concealing the enclosure from direct sight from the front and including a see-through portion therein to reveal only the living habitat inside the tank through the front wall,
wherein

the part of the accessory includes including a filtering trough located at the top of the tank, a grate lying on the bottom wall, a water pump, and a pipe being concealed by a background setting of the accessory, the background setting being a sheet extending along a width of the rear wall and in front of the pipe,

the pipe extending from the pump to reach above the trough, whereby water is deliverable by the pump from the bottom of the tank via the pipe into the trough atop for filtering and then flowing back down into the tank, the trough and the grate being concealed by the frame from direct sight from the front, and

an upwardly-open fixing groove formed on an upper surface of the grate, the fixing groove being disposed in front of the pipe, wherein the sheet is located by a bottom edge thereof and inserted in said fixing groove.

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9. (Currently Amended) A wall-mountable aquarium, comprising:
a slim tank for containing water to keep living aquatic animals or plants, the tank including a transparent front wall, a rear wall, opposite left and right side walls and a bottom wall, with the side and bottom walls being considerably narrower than the front and rear walls,
a fixed enclosure provided externally on at least one of the left and right side walls and bottom wall for containing a part of an accessory for the aquarium, and a frame attached on the front wall, the frame concealing the enclosure from direct sight from the front and including a see-through portion therein to reveal only the living habitat inside the tank through the front wall,
the part of the accessory includes including a filtering trough located at the top of the tank, a grate lying on the bottom wall, a water pump, and a pipe being concealed by a background setting of the accessory, the background setting being a sheet extending along a width of the rear wall and in front of the pipe,
the pipe extending from the pump to reach above the trough, whereby water is deliverable by the pump from the bottom of the tank via the pipe into the trough atop for filtering and then flowing back down into the tank, the trough and the grate being concealed by the frame from direct sight from the front, wherein the pump is provided inside the tank and adjacent the grate such that it is also concealed by the frame from direct sight from the front, and the pipe extends along a corner of the tank upwardly out of the water to reach above the trough, and
an upwardly-open fixing groove formed on an upper surface of the grate, the fixing groove being disposed in front of the pipe, wherein the sheet is located by a bottom edge thereof and inserted in said fixing groove.

10. (Currently Amended) A wall-mountable aquarium, comprising:
a slim tank for containing water to keep living aquatic animals or plants, the tank including a transparent front wall, a rear wall, opposite left and right side walls and a bottom wall, with the side and bottom walls being considerably narrower than the front and rear walls,
a fixed enclosure provided externally on at least one of the left and right side walls and bottom wall for containing a part of an accessory for the aquarium, and a frame attached on the front wall, the frame concealing the enclosure from direct sight from the front and including a see-through portion therein to reveal only the living habitat inside the tank through the front wall,

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the part of the accessory includes including a filtering trough located at the top of the tank, a grate lying on the bottom wall, a water pump, and a pipe being concealed by a background setting of the accessory, the background setting being a sheet extending along a width of the rear wall and in front of the pipe,

the pipe extending from the pump to reach above the trough, whereby water is deliverable by the pump from the bottom of the tank via the pipe into the trough atop for filtering and then flowing back down into the tank, the trough and the grate being concealed by the frame from direct sight from the front, wherein the trough has a bottom wall having small drain holes, and includes a lateral exit to allow overflow of water back into the tank, and

an upwardly-open fixing groove formed on an upper surface of the grate, the fixing groove being disposed in front of the pipe, wherein the sheet is located by a bottom edge thereof and inserted in said fixing groove.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Amended) The wall-mountable aquarium as claimed in claim 8, wherein the background sheet is fixed inside the tank close to and covering the rear wall.

13. (Original) The wall-mountable aquarium as claimed in claim 12, wherein the background sheet extends also close to and covering the left and right side walls, turning smoothly round the corners between the walls.

14. (Currently Amended) A wall-mountable aquarium, comprising:

a slim tank for containing water to keep living aquatic animals or plants, the tank including a transparent front wall, a rear wall, opposite left and right side walls and a bottom wall, with the side and bottom walls being considerably narrower than the front and rear walls,

a fixed enclosure provided externally on at least one of the left and right side walls and bottom wall for containing part of an accessory for the aquarium, and a frame attached on the front wall, the frame concealing the enclosure from direct sight from the front and including a

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see-through portion therein to reveal only the living habitat inside the tank through the front wall,
wherein

the accessory includes a background setting fixed inside the tank close to and
covering the rear wall and the background setting being a sheet that extends close to and
covering the left and right side walls, turning smoothly round the corners between the
walls, and

an upwardly-open fixing groove formed on an upper surface proximate the bottom wall
of the tank, the fixing groove being disposed in front of the pipe, wherein the sheet is located by
a bottom edge thereof and inserted in said fixing groove.